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Bill No. 5439 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PERSONS  
PROVIDING HOMEMAKER SERVICES, COMPANION SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER-  
HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES  
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Good afternoon Senator Prague and Representative Serra and the members of the Committee on Aging.

My name is Bruce V. Morris and I represent the 140<sup>th</sup> House District, in Norwalk CT. I am here to testify in opposition of Committee Bill 5439 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PERSONS PROVIDING HOMEMAKER SERVICES, COMPANION SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES

I am here with my constituent Crystal Ramsey and her partner Kathleen Schluensen, who are the co-owners of the Greenwich Nursing and Healthcare Registry. The Registry has served Greenwich and the surrounding communities for more than 80 years. They serve a range of patients from pediatrics through geriatrics and the terminally ill.

However, their model of home care would be eliminated if House Bill 5439 passes. Senate bill 911 which passed the legislature last year, brought registries under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Protection. That bill provided consumers with certain protections.

Registries such as Crystal and Kathleen's have only been regulated by the Department of Consumer Protection, due to the passage of SB 911, for less than 3 months. That is clearly not enough time to gauge the impact of that legislation on this segment of the homecare industry.

Thank you for your time. Crystal and Kathleen will now talk more about their registry and the public policy effects if this legislation passes.